(c) There are 505 applicants of Janakpuri who registered prior to 30-9-82 and are awaiting new Telephone connections.

Instructions regarding Boarding on DTC Buses

3348. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some instructions to allow lady passengers, children and old people to board the DTC buses from exit gate; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these instructions which were earlier written on right side of exit gates of the DTC buses have since been defaced in all the buses;

(c) whether Government are also aware the drivers of DTC are not allowing the passengers mentioned in part (a) above to board the buses from the exit gates;

(d) whether Government propose to reinforce these instructions through media to benefit the passengers;

(e) whether Government also propose to make some mobile arrangements to take action against such drivers not complying with these instructions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) There are standing instructions by DTC to their drivers since 6-6-1988, to allow only lady passengers to board the buses from the exit gate. These instructions are repeated and monitored from time to time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) While normally the lady passengers are permitted by drivers to board DTC buses from the exit gate, some stray cases of deviations are possible. In order to see that instructions are complied with, the mobile checking squads and members of supervisory staff of DTC have been posted at important points to ensure that lady passengers are allowed to board the buses from the exit gate. DTC mobile squads consist of a fleet of 9 mini buses, 8 jeeps, one matador and 4 motor-cycles. Besides, 224 members of Traffic Supervisory Staff are manning the mobile squads, 520 additional members of traffic supervisory staff have been deputed on foot checking and other allied duties on line. In the event of receipt of complaint and on the reports of checking staff, suitable departmental action is taken against erring driver.

Since the instructions to drivers are repeated from time to time and the written notice on the right side of the exit gates of DTC buses to allow lady passengers, is well-displayed and further the checking staff has been instructed to ensure compliance, reinforcement of instructions through other means is not considered necessary.

SAARC Summit

3349. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fifth summit of SAARC is to be held at Male during November, 1990; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what issues are likely to be highlighted by Government during this summit;

(c) whether Government propose to hold such summit at New Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) and (b) The Fifth SAARC is going to be held in the Maldives in November, 1990. At this Summit, progress made in promoting regional cooperation will be reviewed and measures for further enhancing such cooperation will be discussed. At the Summit, the Government of India would emphasise the long-terms objectives of regional cooperation in the context of

the changing world economic situation and the need to plan in advance for realising the full potential of such cooperation.

(c) and (d) SAARC Summits are held by rotation in different SAARC member-countries. India's turn came in 1986. The Government of India would wait for its next turn for holding the Summit again in India.

Rally by Kashmiri Migrants

3350. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kashmiri migrants held a rally at New Delhi on the 21st August, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these rallyists have made some demands;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take any action on these demands; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) Government have seen the news item that the Kashmiri migrants held a rally on 21-8-90 at Boat Club in New Delhi. The migrants have been projecting various demands including their rehabilitation outside the State. The Govt. is not considering permanent rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants outside the State, but programme for providing basic needs to them in Jammu and at Delhi till the situation permits return to their homes have been undertaken on priority. Eligible migrant families have been given cash relief and dry ration. Arrangements for admission of school and college students, payment of pension, leave salary till their temporary adjustment elsewhere, transfer of LIC premium and bank accounts, are in operation.

Government is making all possible efforts to bring back normalcy to J&K. Stringent measure are being taken to curb terrorism in the State.

Conversion of telephone exchanges into electronic automatic exchanges in Maharashtra

3351. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of exchanges in Maharashtra which are proposed to be covered into electronic|automatic exchanges during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) what new steps are contemplated to expand the communication net-work in Maharashtra; and

(c) what is the specific period by which the above work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) About 300 numbers of exchanges in 1990-91 and about 250 numbers in 1991-92 are proposed to be converted into electronic| automatic in Maharashtra Circle.

(b) and (c) Telecommunications network in Maharashtra is planned to be expanded with:

(i) Installation of more and more electronic exchanges.

(ii) Automatisation of manual exchanges.

(iii) Opening of long distance public telephones with stable media for rural communications.

(iv) Opening of more numbers of urban public call offices.

(v) Providing STD at remaining district headquarters and extending to sub-divisional headquarters, tourist centres etc.

(vi) Providing phone to village panchayat.